

### **REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

This letter is responsive to the Office Action dated November 5, 2003. This Response is accompanied by a request for a one-month extension of time. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this Response is to be timely filed.

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 12, 13 and 30-39. The Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-8, 10 and 11. The Examiner objected to claim 9.

By this Response, the applicant has amended claim 1 so as to incorporate therein the features of claim 9. Claim 9 has accordingly been canceled. Therefore, the applicant respectfully submits that claim 1, as amended hereby, is allowable.

In view of the forgoing amendments and comments, the applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Favourable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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